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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Braun *et al.*
Serial No. 09/687,483
Filed: October 13, 2000
For: METHODS FOR GENERATING DATABASES
AND DATABASES FOR IDENTIFYING
POLYMORPHIC GENETIC MARKERS
Art Unit: 1645
Examiner: Unassigned

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-captioned application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

- at page 1, line 7, please replace "July 10," with —July 10, 2000—;
- at page 5, line 4, please replace "herein" with —herein,—;
- at page 5, line 20, please replace "polymorphism," with —polymorphism—;
- at page 7, line 13, please replace "is" with —are—;
- at page 9, line 2, please replace "samples" with —samples.—;
- at page 9, line 4, please replace "samples" with —samples.—;
- at page 11, line 5, please replace "signal ;" with —signal;—;
- at page 11, line 30, please replace "probability" with —probability;—;
- at page 13, line 11, please replace "genome," with —genome—;
- at page 14, line 4, please replace "population," with —population—;
- at page 15, line 7, please replace "the a" with —a—;